



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Mayor Steve Adler

DATE: June 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Council Policy Priorities Retreat

This is an update to our Council Policy Priorities Retreat scheduled on Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14.

- Attached is a revised schedule.
- This retreat is only a taste of what a strategic planning process could be. At the end of the second day, let's discuss whether or not we want to initiate a comprehensive retreat next year where we can build from the ground up our strategic goals and objectives. The goal for this retreat is to see if we can reach any measure of consensus in an abbreviated process for Council and City goals.
- We are only expecting Council Members to initiate the conversation for their topic (assigned) by taking five minutes to discuss the area generally and to list specifically several goals or priorities that they would like to set. Then, we'll quickly do "Round Robin" where each Council Member will get one minute to state their goals or priorities. All the goals and priorities will be captured on the wall for later use in our retreat. There will be no initial judgment or filter or detailed discussion at this point. This process allows for divergence where judgment is deferred. Later in the day we will fully discuss all priorities and through a group exercise begin to evaluate and rank.
- Attached is a list of questions about your first year and a half in office that we'll use in our opening session. If you have a chance, look at the questions and think about how you'd answer them.

Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Steve Adler
Mayor, City of Austin

cc: City Manager